

Town of Tiverton
Economic Development Commission
343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Economic Development Commission

Date and Time: November 13, 2014 @ 6:00pm

Location: Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Road
Tiverton RI 02878

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman, Scott Humphrey
Members present were Jon Cottrell, Melissa Hutchinson, Scott Humphrey and Susan Gill.

Item #1: No minutes from October 2014 were available.

Item #2: Town meetings update:

Harbor- S. Gill did not attend

Planning Board S. Gill- Sakonnet Outfitters received Master Plan approval pending PAP permit from DOT. Next step is Town Council public hearing scheduled for December 8th. Tiverton Crossings public hearing continued. Name change to Tiverton Glen. Cecil Group presented guidelines for Comp Plan review. After limited discussion it was voted that Cecil Group would asses Comp Plan changes request and continue at next hearing. Fiscal Impact study by independent company not ready until November 24. Presentation by Carpionato group of revised Master Plan. Public input much more favorable this time.

Recreation- S. Gill- Some discussion about Clivus system that was first presented by J. Cottrell of EDC. Evaluation of feasibility for Grinnell's makeover project awaiting input from Planning Board to Town Council. Recreation Comm receptive to product.

Town Council- S. Gill-Hearing of Municipal Judge Donnelly regarding complaint by Jim O'Dell that his decision of Town Planner Charter complaint was bias because appointed by Town Council. Council voted that no bias was evident and no personal monetary gain on part of the Judge. Enterprise Zone revisited and voted that will exclude South Tiverton. 2 New appointees to Personnel Board, Nancy Roderick and Janice Hughes. A Purchase and Sale agreement made public on Seaside Gas Station. A new BYOB ordinance is being discussed, no decision made.

Wastewater-J. Cottrell- Bay Street residents asking for specific information as to who will pay for treatment of any contaminated soil uncovered during the sewer project. Until this is clarified they are not in favor of going forward. January meeting to be scheduled for information and discussion of other proposed areas. Fall of 2015 is projected start date if enough people approve.

Zoning-M. Hutchinson- did not attend

Four Corners Business Group- S. Gill- unable to attend

Item #3 Scope of Work

S. Gill reports no changes; it is on the EDC website. It may be presented to the Town Council and Budget Committee by S. Humphrey.

Item #4 Comprehensive Plan Committee

S. Humphrey reports that with the resignation of Kate Michaud as Town Planner the work has stopped. It now lacks continuity and the question is what's next? No meetings are currently scheduled.

Item #5 Planner's position impact

S. Humphrey discussed that with no Town Planner in position that a link for the EDC is lost. Contacts with the State are needed to market the Business Park. The group is at a loss as to what to do next.

Item #6 EDC Facebook/Website

M. Hutchinson led the discussion. Minutes and agendas should be forwarded to her to post on website. Adjustments are still being made. She gave a brief report of activity. Peter Moniz, (guest) suggested listing new businesses on website and Facebook. The Red Dory will be opening before Thanksgiving; it will be posted on Facebook.

Item #7 Tiverton Crossings

S. Gill will not participate in discussion as a member also of the Planning Board. S. Humphrey stressed again that the project needs to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in order for the EDC to support it publicly. S. Humphrey spoke at length with the team and feels the project is still fluid. Leonard Schmidt, a guest opined that Carpionato and the Planning Board are working together to make this project work for the developers and the Town. Additional discussion by the group suggested a letter from the EDC noting the site is a commercial asset. No letter was scheduled to be drafted at this time.

#8 2015 Budget/Marketing

S. Humphrey led the discussion. Need to identify where expenditures will go and dollar amount. Budget will be prepared and presented at next meeting for further discussion and possible vote.

S. Gill discussed a new marketing brochure for next summer, if the commission is interested in funding. The group would like to hear more. She will bring information to the next meeting.

#9 Tiverton Business Collaborative

S. Humphrey met with Kristin Silveira, the TBC President since there has been no activity in 5 months. She feels the group should go forward as there is a need, discussion followed. S. Gill is opposed to it being directed by the EDC. She opined that the EDC is a volunteer group and it is a fine line where it's responsibilities to the business community begin and end. Providing the manpower and funding she stated is going too far, others agreed. We can serve in an advisory capacity. A week from Tuesday the Executive Committee is planning to meet. They would like to send out mailings to all local businesses.

Item #10 Next meeting schedule and adjournment

S. Humphrey noted next meeting December 11 at Town Hall. Motion to adjourn made by J. Cottrell, second by M. Hutchinson, unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:27pm.

Submitted by Susan Gill

Approval Date: December 11, 2014

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